

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Shuman et al.

Serial No.: 10/614,320

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For: "FOOD PRODUCT SURFACE STERILIZATION
APPARATUS AND METHOD"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

) Group Art Unit: 1761
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) Examiner: Becker, Drew E.
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) Confirmation No.: 7351
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) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
) REQUIREMENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P O BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHERIDAN ROSS P C</p> <p>BY: _____</p>
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Dear Sir:

In response to the additional restriction requirement mailed September 12, 2006, Applicants through their representatives respectfully request election of species A and within this species, species A1. Accordingly, it is believed that from this election Claims 1-5, 6-16, 17-32, and 42-43 will be examined by the Examiner.

Applicants' representatives respectfully request the Examiner contact the undersigned in the event that the above listing of claims to be examined is incorrect.

Although no additional fees are believed due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge any additional fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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